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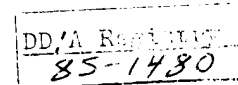
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Center for the Study of Intelligence



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19 April 1985

Mr. Max Corvo

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Dear Mr. Corvo:

[Redacted] has been kind enough to furnish me with background materials relating to your plans for an OSS Symposium that will draw upon WW II archival documents released to NARS, and from a number of other sources. Such a symposium is of great interest to the Center for the Study of Intelligence and we would offer such assistance and participation as we can. In this regard, I have talked with [Redacted] this week.

The Center for the Study of Intelligence, a part of the Office of Training and Education, seeks to foster the development of a literature of intelligence of high quality. My predecessor published Tom Troy's Donovan and the OSS. And to that end, we publish Studies in Intelligence, the Agency's professional quarterly.

We recently sponsored a month long exhibit at Headquarters of OSS artifacts, propaganda posters, etc. The exhibit excited great interest on the part of our younger officers -- few of whom were around even during the Korean War.

Officers from the Center will attend the symposium. If you agree, we will see that it is publicized within the Agency and other parts of the Intelligence Community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

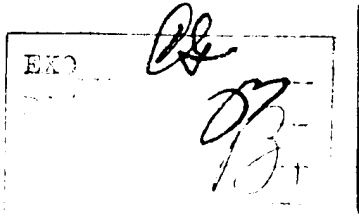
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Letter to Mr. Max Corvo

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Max Corvo

June 27, 1984

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Dr. Ray S. Cline
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Dear Dr. Cline:

I was delighted to receive your letter accepting to serve as a member of the committee for the OSS symposium.

I am planning to be in Washington in the near future and if your time permits, would like to get together and exchange ideas about the agenda for the first meeting of the committee which should be held sometime in early September.

The committee has finally been put together and includes: Bill Casey, John Shaheen, Milton Katz, Edward Glavin, Michael Burke, Geoffrey Jones, Henry North, Mim Daddario, Bill Colby, Tom Troy, Martin Carney, Ray Cline, John Bross, James Murphy, John Alsop and Seraphin Buta.

There is yet room for three or four more persons in the event that some segment of our old organization has been unwittingly left out.

I appreciate your suggestion that you can provide the names of some historians who would help in sorting out facts from fiction and the committee will take full advantage of such qualified talent.

I have never thought that the task to be undertaken was an easy one and my experience since the early days of COI-OSS with components of our old organization should serve to tell me that it is a tough assignment that we are undertaking. The length of the study will be more or less regulated by the available financing to pay the staff, the director and the costs of the operation and the determination will have to be made after we have examined all facets of our problems.

Am looking forward to meeting you in person and discussing some of the problems which will confront us.

Sincerely,


Max Corvo

MAX CORVO

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March 5, 1985

Mr. Geoffrey T. Jones
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Dear Geoffrey:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of March 4th regarding the financial end of the Donovan/OSS Symposium, the Small Committee met in Washington, D.C., on January 12 (see my report to the General Committee of January 29th) and decided to place the Symposium under the William J. Donovan Memorial Foundation.

The Symposium is in line with the primary goal of the Foundation to sponsor worthwhile intelligence activities and promote serious national interest on intelligence matters.

The conditions under which we will place the sponsorship of the Symposium under the Foundation are identical to those outlined in my original letter to you of July 23, 1984, to wit:

- 1) The Symposium will be sponsored by the William J. Donovan Foundation;
- 2) The purpose of the Symposium was outlined in my letter of June 21st, 1984 and subsequent communications which you received and should have on file in your office;
- 3) The financial transactions of the Donovan/OSS Symposium will be handled in the following manner
 - a) All contributions will be considered tax deductible contributions to the William J. Donovan Foundation;
 - b) Such contributions will be deposited to a special account which is to be known as "The Donovan/OSS Symposium Account";
 - c) This fund will be under the direct control of the Symposium Committee or its designated agent;
 - d) Quarterly reports will be submitted to the William J. Donovan Foundation by the Symposium Committee;
 - e) The fund will operate on a fiscal calendar year basis so that it may be reported out in accordance with the William J. Donovan Foundation's tax year;
 - f) At the termination of the Symposium and the acceptance of the Symposium Staff Director's report by the General Committee, all net proceeds will be turned over to the Donovan Foundation to promote other worthy projects which will aid in the attainment of its patriotic goals.

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No fundraising will get under way until the committee has received written authorization to proceed under the above mutually stipulated conditions.

I need not point out that time is of the essence and that the sooner we get started, the more we shall be able to accomplish.

Sincerely,



Max

cc: All members of the Symposium Committee, for information.



March 19, 1985

To : All members of the OSS/Donovan Symposium Committee

As a result of meetings held in Washington for the purpose of examining fund raising capabilities and refine the objectives of the OSS/Donovan Symposium we are updating the members of the general committee on what has been discussed and the course of action that has been recommended:

1. Foundation accord: Agreed with the recommendations previously made by the general committee that the symposium be placed under the aegis of the W. J. Donovan Foundation, with minor changes being made to Max Corvo's letter of Geoff Jones.

2. Discussion re the position of Staff Director. We are open to suggestions and will interview any candidate whose name is submitted for the post by members of the committee or friends.

3. Funding suggestions:

- a) Seed money to be raised among members of the committee and friends;
- b) Foundations that have an interest in historical research;
- c) Foundations and individuals that have an interest in intelligence activities, historical, structural and their importance to U.S. security;
- d) Friends who control any foundation

4. Examination of symposium objectives and problems with Tom Troy.

The following statement has been prepared for release through Tom Troy's publication, FILS:

The objectives of the OSS/Donovan Symposium should be first and foremost a critique and assessment of the organization's contribution to U.S. and Allied war effort in the Treaties of Operation where the organization was allowed to contribute its resources.

The evaluation of General Donovan's role to the creation of the OSS, its growth, its objectives and its attainments. An assessment should be made of his ideas, his leadership, his selection of personnel and his inspiration to the ideals of high standards.

We should examine and assess the influence which OSS had in shaping up war-time military and political strategy of the United

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States and the Allies as well as the post-war influence on the intelligence community and on the policy-making organs of our government.

The symposium should be the source of objective debate of means rather than men, although it will be difficult to separate one from the other.

A serious effort should be made by the committee and the staff to present papers and research into the organizational charter and origins of the COI-OSS and to give authors who have written about OSS an opportunity to address the symposium explaining how some conclusions were arrived at.

The final objective should be to publish the findings of the Director and the Staff who hopefully will spend approximately one year under the guidance of the Committee in research and preparation of the report.

5. It has been suggested that the two-day symposium be held in late September or October of this year.

Sincerely,


Max Corvo

P.S. Would appreciate hearing from members of the Committee before the next plenary meeting which should be held in the not too distant future. I will get in touch with all committee members to set up a date and place when it will be most convenient to hold the meeting.

Dear Ray - Geoff and Min have, probably, briefed you on the meeting with Bill. I could not stay long enough in Washington to get together with you, but I will plan to stay longer next time I come down as I would like to discuss some of the things that need doing - such as panelists etc. with you.

